GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Appeal - Sri V.Koteswara Rao, former Tahsildar, Savalyapuram (M), Palnadu District - Disciplinary proceedings initiated on the allegations of making irregular mutations in web land - Article of Charges-WSD submitted - Inquiry Officer appointed- Inquiry report submitted - Imposed punishment of "Stoppage of two annual grade increments with cumulative effect" - - Appeal filed - Admitted - modified the punishment as 'withholding of two annual grade increments without cumulative effect' - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1063

Dated:20.11.2023

Read the following:

1. CCLA's Proceedings No.VS.II(1)/758/2021 (C.No.1582209), Dt:20.03.2023.
2. Appeal petition dt:20.03.2023 of Sri V.Koteswara Rao, former Tahsildar, Savalyapuram (M).
3. Govt.Memo.No.REV01-LANA0CCLV(DISC)/44/2023-Vig.III(2), Dt:21.07.2023

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ORDER:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that disciplinary proceedings has been instituted against Sri V.Koteswara Rao, former Tahsildar, Savalyapuram (M), on the allegation of making irregular Web Land entries in favour of Smt R.V.Rama Anantha Lakshmi for the Sy.Nos.283, 335/2-5A, 323/AC and 467 though she has not possessed any land in said Sy.Nos of Potlur Village of Savalyapuram Mandal by colluding with computer operator. After following the due procedure under A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, as the allegations are held proved against Sri V.Koteswara Rao, former Tahsildar, Savalyapuram (M), the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P. issued orders imposing a major penalty of "Stoppage of two annual grade increments with cumulative effect" against him, vide reference 2nd read above.

2. Aggrieved by the above orders issued by the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Sri V.Koteswara Rao, former Tahsildar, Savalyapuram (M), has filed an appeal petition before the Government, stating that the disciplinary authority had not taken into consideration of action taken by him by way of addressing a letter to the RDO, Narasaraopet under what circumstances the adverse news items have been published. He had also not taken into consideration of the action taken by him by way of addressing a letter to the Station House Officer, Savalyapuram requesting for Initiation of criminal action against the person who actually involved in the alleged irregular mutation. The CCLA had also not taken into consideration of the contents of the report of the then RDO, Narasaraopet addressed to the District Collector Guntur stating that the irregular mutation has been made by ALR Srinivasarao the then Computer Operator and deleted the name of the Ravi Anantha Lakshmi after sanction of loan of Rs.5,00,000/-by the concerned Bank authorities. By taking advantage of his innocence in Computer knowledge, the then computer operator ALR Srinivasarao made the irregular mutations. He has finally requested to consider the above grounds of appeal with a sympathetic view and request for issue of orders to set a-side the orders issued by the CCLA imposing punishment against him.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, while sending a copy of the appeal petition, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P was requested to examine the contents of the appeal petition filed by Sri V.Koteswara Rao, former Tahsildar, Savalyapuram (M) and furnish a report along with specific remarks and connected records to take further action in the matter. Accordingly, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri, has submitted the connected records and stated that the orders issued by CCLA & Special C.S. is self explanatory. The appellant has been given an opportunity of personal hearing to put forth his contentions before the appellate authority and personal hearing was held on 16.10.2023.

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4. Government, after careful examination of the entire record and after heard the pleadings of the Officer, allowed the appeal and it is opined that the Govt. AP have taken vigorous steps in purification of lands in relevant Revenue records with correct possession of ryots basing on their l and documents for which a system of introduction of Bio Metric&Digital Key operations were also given to Tahsildar's for verification of relevant records before mutation in Revenue records to maintain accountability & Transparency. Tahsildar's lack of computer knowledge allowed the computer operator to make irregular entries in Web Land, resulting in obtaining a loan irregularly. Shifting blame solely to the computer operator is incorrect. As a Tahsildar, verifying relevant records before issuing the Bio Metric is essential. The Tahsildar is responsible for maintaining the digital key properly. The version of Sri V.Koteswara Rao the then Tahsildar of Sayalyapuram is not acceptable in this matter. However, by taken a lenient view, it is decided to modify the punishment as 'withholding of two annual grade increments without cumulative effect' instead of "Stoppage of two annual grade increments with cumulative effect" against Sri V.Koteswara Rao the then Tahsildar of Sayalyapuram (M).

5. Accordingly, Government hereby modify the punishment of "Stoppage of two annual grade increments with cumulative effect" imposed by the CCLA in reference 2nd read above as "withholding of two annual grade increments without cumulative effect' against Sri V.Koteswara Rao the then Tahsildar of Sayalyapuram (M),, under Rule 37 r/w Rule 9 of A.P.C.S (CC&A), Rules,1991.

6. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri shall take further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To:
Sri V.Koteswara Rao, former Tahsildar, Savalyapuram (M), Palnadu District ***through*** the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

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The OSD to the Hon'ble Minster (Rev, Stamps &Regn).
The Collector & District Magistrate, Palnadu District, Narasaraopeta.
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SECTION OFFICER